

Congresswoman Pelosi Hunters Point Briefing July 31, 2018
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- I understand that this community faces a highly unusual and unfortunate situation. It has had a cloud of uncertainty hanging over its head for far too long. I used to be a County Supervisor working on the ground to get jobs, housing, and other urgent needs for communities, so am especially sensitive to the deep concern that you and the community have about cleanup delays and any potential impacts of the Shipyard on the health of the community. We share these concerns. We want answers too. What we all want is for the retesting to start as soon as possible, so we know the facts about any potential contamination and can begin additional cleanup, if needed, right away.
- We have made Hunters Point a top priority. We have assembled a team of national experts from throughout EPA—in radiation, statistics, geology and other areas, and for the past three years they have worked tirelessly on this issue. This team is actively engaged to support the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in its leadership of scanning at Parcel A. My technical team is also carefully analyzing the draft Parcel G workplan to make detailed, concrete comments to ensure a solid, technical basis for deciding when the site is suitable for redevelopment.
- Since 1989, my agency, together with the State of California environmental agencies, have overseen the cleanup. In 1991, the Navy, EPA, and State signed a formal Federal Facilities Agreement that sets the structure for our roles. I'm a lawyer, so I understand the importance of our role to ensure that investigation and cleanup is consistent with the long and complex history of established national Superfund laws, and the vast body of this site's cleanup decisions and past practices that protect public health and the environment. We take this mission very seriously.
- I continue to direct USEPA's resources to Hunters Point so our team of technical experts can focus our attention on this community, and we couldn't have kept pace without your crucial financial support through the Navy. We are committed to working hard, together with the Navy, our State regulatory partners, the City, and the community to develop plans that will ensure that the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard is cleaned and safe.